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NEWORANDUM FOR:

CHIEFS, AREA DIVISIONS

JUN 24 1953

FROM:

Chief of Administration, DD/P

SUBJECT:

"Logistical and Operational Planning Manual,"

Draft of

- 1. The subject draft manual is forwarded for your information, review and comments. When completed, it will set forth a number of fundamental standard planning factors essential in the preparation and development of sound, comprehensive and understandable logistical plans in support of operations. The Preface elaborates on the development, use, importance and contents of the manual.
- 2. The basic organizational and operational concepts on which logistic plans are based must be provided by the action of the operational staffs under the Deputy Director (Plans). This initial draft manual contains T/O & E data developed by the PM Staff as a planning guide for guerrilla warfare type operations in the European area. Using the T/O & E as proposed by the PM Staff, the manual illustrates methods of developing and planning logistical support. As additional T/O & E's are developed for other types of operations and for other areas of the world, they will be used in computing factual data on weights, cubages, capacities and requirements.
- 3. The manual contains basic fundamental factors essential to sound logistical planning, and will prove valuable as a tool with or without approved T/O & E's. Specific sections of the manual are presently being edited and amplified by the various staffs as well as the divisions of the Logistics Office. Collation and review of all suggested additions and corrections will be reflected in the final draft before reproduction and distribution for general use. An Endex and a Bibliography will be prepared and included in the approved text.
- 4. Revision and refinement of data must be a continuing process, and it is important that all concerned understand the need for forwarding comments, suggestions for improvement, additions or corrections, to the Coordination and Requirements Staff, Logistics Office. The target date set for revision of the draft manual is 30 July 1953. It is requested that comments and information be forwarded by this date.

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